

**Campton Conservation Commission
June 6, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

Members present: Shannon Garnsey, Jessica Halm, Jane Kellogg, David Peeler. **Guests present:** Myrtle Lewis (Thornton Conservation Commission)

Meeting called to order at 7:08. May minutes discussed, but unable to approve at this time because final, edited copy in possession of member Dick Osborne, who was unable to attend.

Updates:

A. Barry Camp: Shannon confirmed that payment for the two selected campers had been made to the Barry Camp, from the Conservation Fund, in the amount of \$1020 (\$510 per camper). Group agreed we would like to review the experience with the campers in the fall, as a means to determine a plan for the future. David suggested inviting them to our September meeting as well as developing a more permanent relationship with the Barry Camp. Additionally, Myrtle suggested a write-up in the local paper.

B. Nature Nights: Shannon reported back on a telephone meeting with the director of The Rey Center, regarding summer programming for Nature Nights. The Rey Center has secured two naturalists who will cover 4 of the 6 scheduled nights of programs. They have asked if we would cover the remaining 2 nights, preferably the first and last (7/10/18 & 8/14/18). Myrtle and Jess agreed to work together to provide programs for those two evenings, on a volunteer basis. Their ideas for tools included: exploring the five senses in nature, using your natural resources to create kid friendly crafts, and aquatic invertebrates. The Rey Center is excited about the program and would like to put a large emphasis on promoting the program through social media, by specially planning themes for each night. The commission plans to advertise as well and will distribute posters upon their completion by The Rey Center. It was suggested by Myrtle that we advertise Nature Nights with the local Girls and Boy Scouts.

C. Blair Woodland Natural Area: Jane reports she continues to keep a close eye on the Japanese Knotweed located near the perimeter of the property and reports its mostly unchanged from last year. Jane also reported that she and Ron Reynolds plan to repair a broken railing in the weeks to come and will report back.

D. Livermore Falls: Jane reported that the most recent meeting of The Friends of the Pemi focused primarily on staffing the meet and greet in the parking lot of Livermore Falls. When the signup list is created and in circulation, she will forward to Commission members to sign up. Jane also reported that archeological work is still slated for this summer on the Holderness side of the River. Jess shared a message sent to the Commission's Facebook page regarding an increase in trash at the falls, by a Campton resident. It was discussed that during the peak season that State Park staff will manage excess trash, but that in the early and late season, trash disposal is an issue. Jess provided Jane's contact information to the concerned resident. Jane will be on the lookout for a correspondence and hopefully a dialog can be started towards a solution.

E. Tour of Hubbard Brook: Event was held Sunday May 27th at 2pm. Jane and Myrtle were able to attend and participate in the Pemi River Local Advisory Committee tour.

F. DeRonde Pond Application: Following a late winter site visit, it was reported that the DeRonde family of Upper Beech Hill Rd. received their permit for the construction of a pond on their property. Construction of the pond will begin this summer when the owners can be more present.

G. Adopt-A-Highway: Jess shared that a recent post to Facebook by a local organization suggested that the CCC's stretch of adopted highway may have been erroneously assigned to another organization. Jess followed through and discovered that our renewal contract had been sent to the wrong address and thus not filled out in time. Discussion with the Department of Transportation and compromise by other local organizations our adopted stretch of road was rerouted to include Route 175N from Blair Rd. to Perch Pond Rd., and maintain the entire stretch of Blair Rd. The old contract was received in this month's mail and was discarded. The new contract was also received, but with error. Jess to follow up regarding contract error and ensuring road side signage accrediting the CCC is reinstalled.

Pattee Conservation Property: The Campton Garden Club has proposed that with the wonderful growth of the Liberty Elm Tree, that both organizations commit to an annual maintenance expense for the tree. Jane reported that the Garden Club has already approved the measure. David made a motion that CCC expend \$75 annually from the Conservation Fund. Jess seconded the motion and the motion was carried with unanimous consensus. Care of the tree is to be performed by The Family Tree Care Service of Meredith, and an ongoing assessment will occur to determine the necessity of the maintenance.

Class IV Roads: Email received and forwarded to all members from Barbara Richter of the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions. The email inquired as to how Campton designates Class VI roads throughout the town, specifically as Scenic Roads. Additionally the correspondence inquired into any policy or regulations Campton may have regarding Class VI roads, such as limiting development. Jane stated she would be willing to get in touch with the Planning Board secretary, and respond to the email. The group was hopeful that this may suggest a move towards protecting and preserving the heritage of these historic and rural roads.

NHACC Survey:

A letter was received and opened from the NHACC. The letter requested the completion of a survey to help the organization conduct a performance audit of the NH Department of Environmental Service Wetland Bureau's permitting process. Group logged onto survey website and completed survey as a group.

Campton 250th Book:

David questioned whether the CCC should assist the Historical Society by purchasing a bulk quantity of the book and sell on behalf of the society. It was agreed upon that the books are readily available for purchase in multiple venues, but appreciated the community minded inquiry.

CCC Website: David inquired to the status of the website. Group agreed that updates, especially recent and upcoming events, are warranted. Jess to connect with website creator to make said updates and discuss members of the CCC earning how to perform website changes.

Mail:

No additional mail was received.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm. Jess to chair July meeting, moved to July 11th in order to observe Independence Day.

Respectfully submitted, Shannon Garnsey